

## Federal & State Programs for the Aging:

I362.6 -- The Illinois Department on Aging provides Federal and I29f c.3 to operate more than 100 projects. Of these, 13 agencies on Aging, which re-allocate funds to develop, stimulate, and operate a wide range of services. Included are all-purpose Senior Centers, information and referral, transportation and escort, home/health aides, telephone reassurance, training for employment, employment, activities, lip reading, hearing tests, cooperation on the Senior Driver program, education, and many others. To participate in these programs, check with the nearest Area Agency on Aging, or write Aging, Box 60, Springfield, Ill. 62705.

Title VII -- Title VII is a nutrition and nutrition education program with supportive social services, funded and administered directly by the Department on Aging. Currently, more than 14,000 meals are served daily, five days a week, at more than 317 individual sites. Diners contribute to the cost of meals whatever amount they think they can afford. To participate, check with the nearest nutrition project, or write Aging Box 60, Springfield, Ill. 62705.

Social Security -- Social Security is administered by the Social Security Administration. For information, check with your District Office. All information is free.

Supplemental Security Income -- Sup-

plemental Security Income is an income maintenance program which provides a nationally-uniform income floor for those persons age 65 and older, or who are blind or disabled, and have limited incomes. Effective July 1, 1976, an eligible single person may receive up to \$167.80, monthly, and an eligible couple, \$251.80. For additional information, contact your local District Social Security Office.

Medicare -- This medical program is administered by the Social Security Administration. Seniors, age 65 and over, and certain others, may receive medicare benefits of two types -- A and B. Type A covers hospitalization, stays in extended care facilities, and some home health services. It is free to persons covered by Social Security, and is available for \$45 a month to other qualified persons not covered by Social Security. Type B Medicare is called SMIB (Supplemental Medical Insurance Benefits). Effective July 1, 1976, it will be available at \$7.20, monthly, and covers physicians' services, out-patient services, and certain home health services.

Medicaid -- Medicaid is a medical program for low-income persons, administered by the Illinois Department of Public Aid. Medicaid also covers some medical charges not covered by the Federal Medicare program. Check eligibility with an office of the County Department of Public Aid in the county of the applicant's residence.

Food Stamps -- This program is spon-

sored by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and is administered by the Department of Public Aid. Check eligibility with the appropriate County Department of Public Aid. Once eligible, stamps may be purchased in sales stores operated by the County Department of Public Aid, currency exchanges in some areas, and in some post offices. For additional information, check with your local Department of Public Aid.

Circuit Breaker -- "Circuit Breaker", an Illinois Department of Revenue Program, is a property tax relief program for persons age 65 and older, and for disabled persons or persons over age 16 whose gross incomes are less than \$10,000 per year. The circuit Breaker form serves as an application for additional grants under the "Additional Tax Relief" program. Applicants may receive help from any Department of Revenue office, or by calling Revenue's toll-free number, 800-252-8972, or by contacting the appropriate Area Agency on Aging.

Homestead Exemption -- Homestead Exemption is a program administered through each county tax assessor in Illinois. Eligibility begins on January 1 of the year after the homeowner or spouse reaches age 65. ~~It also applies to renters.~~ Application should be made to the County Assessor in the County of residence. Assessed value is reduced by \$1,500, producing an average savings of \$120 on realty taxes.

No Charge Fishing and Hunting



Priviledges for Senior Citizens in State Parks -- This program is administered by the Illinois Department of Conservation. For persons age 65 and over, there is no charge for hunting and fishing licenses; however, proof of age is required. You are required to carry proof of age with you.

National Park Visitations -- A Golden Eagle Passport is available for persons under age 62, at \$10 per year, purchasable upon entry to any National Park. Fee admits purchaser and others accompanying him or her in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle. A Golden Age Passport is available free for a life-time to persons age 60 and older. Park entry priviledges are the same as for the Golden Eagle Passport. There is a 50% discount on recreation use fees. For additional information, check with officials at your nearest National Park.

Pension Exemptions -- Recognized retirement pensions are exempt from State Income Tax. Check with the Illinois Department of Revenue.

Employment -- Illinois State Employment Service helps seniors find jobs, under the Bureau of Employment Security. There is an Older Workers Specialist in every ISES office. The local offices of ISES can be found in the telephone directory or by writing the Illinois State Employment Service, Department of Labor, 910 S. Michigan Ave., Room 1154, Chicago, Ill. 60605.

Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped -- The program provides talking books, books in braille and talking book machines for the blind. Check with your local library system or write the Division of the Blind & Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, 1291 Taylor St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20542. Phone (202) 882-5500.

Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) -- These programs provide a wide variety of volunteer service opportunities for Senior Citizens throughout Illinois.

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Foster Grandparent Program -- This program is sponsored by six Community Action Agencies throughout Illinois and provides employment for those over 60 years old with limited incomes. For information, contact the ACTION Program in your area, or write ACTION Region 5 Office, Attn: Older Americans Volunteer Programs Coordinator, 623 S. Wabash St., Chicago, Ill. 60605. Phone (312) 353-7244.

Directory of Senior Clubs -- In Chicago, an "address book" of senior citizen clubs and groups meeting in the Chicago area is available from Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens, 330 S. Wells, Chicago, Ill. 60606. The directory lists the groups, their meeting place and schedule.

Free Camping in State Parks -- This program is administered by the Department of Conservation. There is no charge for persons 65 and older when camping in State parks. Persons 62-64 may camp at half price. Campers must carry proof of age.

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## AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

**Northwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging**, Eastmoor Building, 4223 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61108, (815) 226-4901.

**Region 2 Area Agency on Aging**, Kankakee Community College, P.O. Box 888, R.R. 1, River Road, Kankakee, Illinois 60901, (815) 939-0727.

**Western Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc.**, 1518 Fifth Avenue, Room 507, Moline, Illinois 61265, (309) 797-4319.

**Central Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc.**, 234 North East Madison, Room 203, Peoria, Illinois 61602, (309) 676-4312.

**East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging, Inc.**, 810 IAA Drive, Bloomington, Illinois 61701, (309) 662-9393.

**West Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging**, 1022 Main P.O. Box 428, Quincy, Illinois 62301, (217) 223-7904.

**Project Life Area Agency on Aging**, 318 West Edwards Springfield, Illinois 62704, (217) 522-8954.

**Southwestern Illinois Area Agency on Aging**, Edgemont Building, Suite 107, 8787 State Street, East St. Louis, Illinois 62203, (618) 397-4118.

**Midland Area Agency on Aging**, First National Bank Building, 140 South Locust Street, Room 413, Centralia, Illinois 62801, (618) 532-1853.

**Southeastern Illinois Agency on Aging, Inc.**, 425 Market Street, Mt. Carmel, Illinois 62863, (618) 262-8001.

**Egyptian Area Agency on Aging**, C/O John A. Logan College, Carterville, Illinois 62918, (618) 985-4011.

**Mayor's Office for Senior Citizens**, 330 South Wells Street Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 744-5777.

**Suburban Cook County Area Agency on Aging**, 223 W. Jackson Blvd., Suite 1215, Chicago, Illinois 60606, (312) 341-1400.

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